

PATENT 450117-03688

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE $^{\prime\prime}$

Applicant(s)

William FORD et al.

Serial No.

10/008,179

For

LINKER MOLECULES FOR SELECTIVE

METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS AND

THEIR USES

Filed

December 7, 2001

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Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative

March 31, 2003

Date of Signature

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

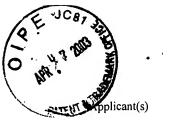
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Please cancel claims 10-30 without prejudice.

The claims of the present application are as follows:









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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	9	Minus	**=30	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	·= \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0
	Total ac	Total additional fee for this amendment			\$ 0	

- If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

	This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid \Box , or is paid herewith \Box .				
	This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.				
	A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of _ additional claims petition for extension of time.				
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.				
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